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- 1. Information Disclosure Statement;
- 2. PTO Form 1449 and citations;
- 3. Acknowledgement postcard; and
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Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,

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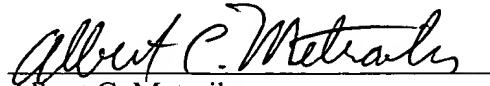
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Respectfully submitted,

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